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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Tadao ARIMA et al.

Serial No. 10/790,357

Group Art Unit: 2883

Confirmation No. 9388

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Examiner: Healy, Brian

For: OPTICAL FIBER SPLICER AND OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: